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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA 2014-0033]

Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; Computer Matching Program (SSA/Department of Labor (DOL)) - Match Number 1015

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA)

ACTION: Notice of a renewal of an existing computer matching program that will expire on November 24, 2014.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces a renewal of an existing computer matching program that we are currently conducting with DOL.

DATES: We will file a report of the subject matching program with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives; and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The matching program will be effective as indicated below.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may comment on this notice by either telefaxing to (410) 966-0869 or writing to the Executive Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, 617 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Executive Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel, as shown above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. General

The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Public Law (Pub. L.) 100-503), amended the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) by describing the conditions under which computer matching involving the Federal government could be performed and adding certain protections for persons applying for, and receiving, Federal benefits. Section 7201 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-508) further amended the Privacy Act regarding protections for such persons.

The Privacy Act, as amended, regulates the use of computer matching by Federal

agencies when records in a system of records are matched with other Federal, State, or local government records. It requires Federal agencies involved in computer matching programs to:

- (1) Negotiate written agreements with the other agency or agencies participating in the matching programs;
- (2) Obtain approval of the matching agreement by the Data Integrity Boards of the participating Federal agencies;
- (3) Publish notice of the computer matching program in the Federal Register;
- (4) Furnish detailed reports about matching programs to Congress and OMB;
- (5) Notify applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching; and
- (6) Verify match findings before reducing, suspending, terminating, or denying a person's benefits or payments.

B. SSA Computer Matches Subject to the Privacy Act

We have taken action to ensure that all of our computer matching programs comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

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Office of the General Counsel

Notice of Computer Matching Program, SSA with the Department of Labor (DOL)

A. Participating Agencies

SSA and DOL

B. Purpose of the Matching Program

The purpose of this matching program is to establish the terms, conditions, and safeguards under which DOL will disclose the DOL administered Part B Black Lung (BL) benefit data to us. We will match DOL's Part B BL data with our records of persons receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) to verify that Part B BL beneficiaries are receiving the correct amount of SSI payments.

C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

This agreement is executed in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

The legal authority for this agreement is 1631(f) of the Social Security Act,

42 U.S.C. 1383(f). This legal authority requires any Federal agency to provide us with information in its possession that we may require for making a determination of eligibility for or the proper amount of SSI payments.

D. Categories of Records and Persons Covered by the Matching Program

We will match the SSR/SVB SSA/ODSSIS (60-0103) last published on January 11, 2006 (71 FR 1830), which contains all data pertinent to payments made to Title XVI recipients, with an extract from DOL's Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, BL Benefit Payments file (DOL/ESA-30). Both agencies have published the appropriate routine uses to permit the disclosures necessary to conduct this match. DOL's monthly extract file will contain necessary identifying and payment information for approximately 16,000 individuals, all miners, receiving Part B BL benefit payments. Additionally, once every year, DOL will send an additional file representing all Part B BL benefit records, referred to as the saturation file, regardless of any changes. DOL's monthly extract file will contain each Part B BL beneficiary's SSN, name, date of birth, date of entitlement, payment status, current benefit amount, and effective date of the current benefit amount. We will determine which of the recipients are receiving SSI payments and match the DOL data against the SSN, type of action code, and income type for those recipients in our SSR/SVB.

E. Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program

The effective date of this matching program is November 25, 2014; provided that the following notice periods have lapsed: 30 days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register and 40 days after notice of the matching program is sent to Congress and OMB. The matching program will continue for 18 months from the effective date and, if both agencies meet certain conditions, it may extend for an additional 12 months thereafter.

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